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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

pplicant(s):

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For:

COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A PLURALITY OF COMPUTERS

EACH PROVIDING A SHARED STORAGE ACCESS PROCESSING MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING

LOCAL/REMOTE ACCESS TO SHARED STORAGE DEVICE

(Amended)

Group:

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Examiner:

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the final decision dated September 4, 2003 of the Primary Examiner, finally rejecting claims 88-104. The items below are appropriate:

> A Response and Petition for Extension of Time were filed on January 5, 2004 and a Petition for Extension of Time was filed on February 4, 2004.

The fee of \$330.00 for this Notice is also submitted.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.34424CX2).

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